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SUBJ: OASGA - SECRETARY'S BILATERALS

REF: A. STATE 41186; B. STATE 37441

SUMMARY: JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER MANLEY IS UNLIKELY TO ATTEND OASGA; MINISTER OF STATE DUDLEY THOMPSON WILL PROBABLY GO. IF ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS HEADS SEE SECRETARY, WE RECOMMEND THAT SIMILAR BILATERAL BE HELD WITH THOMPSON IN ORDER TO AVOID OFFENDING JAMAICA.

1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY (BASED ON REF B), THE EMBASSY WAS INFORMED THAT A DECISION ON WHO WOULD REPRESENT JAMAICA AT APRIL OASGA WAS SEVERAL WEEKS AWAY. THE FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S BEST ASSESSMENT AS REQUESTED IN REF A .

2. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER (AND PRIME MINISTER), MICHAEL MANLEY, WILL ATTEND, BUT THAT HE MAY SEND DUDLEY THOMPSON, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AS JAMAICA'S REPRESENTATIVE. THOMPSON WOULD RELISH ANOTHER TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED TO GAIN FURTHER VISIBILITY. IF THOMPSON ATTENDS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY SIR EDGARTON RICHARDSON, FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

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3. ASSUMING THAT THOMPSON DOES ATTEND THE MEETING, HE WILL PROBABLY SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY PRIMARILY TO BOOST HIS STOCK AS A WORLD STATESMAN BACK HERE IN JAMAICA. HE WILL PROBABLY WANT TO TALK ON SUCH ISSUES AS JAMAICA' S " THIRD WORLD" POSTURE AND THE CUBA- OAS QUESTION.

4. WE SEE NO PARTICULAR ADVANTAGES TO THE US IN GOING ALONG WITH THOMPSON' S SELF- AGGRANDIZEMENT PROGRAM SINCE HIS IS NO FRIEND OF OURS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT IT WOULD BE INSULTING TO JAMAICA -- A FRIENDLY COUNTRY -- IF THE SECRETARY REFUSED TO SEE THOMPSON WHEN ALL OTHER OASGA DELEGATION HEADS WERE BEING RECEIVED. WE THUS RECOMMEND THAT THE SECRETARY AGREE TO SEE THOMPSON IF HE REQUESTS A MEETING AND THAT THE SECRETARY PERHAPS REVIEW THE US POSITION ON TERRORISM. (JAMAICA DID NOT BACK OUR POSITION ON TERRORISM AT THE UN OUT OF A DESIRE TO SUPPORT AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.)
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